

Analysis of FY 2003 Park Base Increases



"Our nation's parks, monuments, and memorials are an inspiration to the freedoms all Americans cherish... Americans can draw strength from our national icons and can find freedom and peace from the magnificence of nature."

Fran Mainella, Director of the National Park Service

Overview

The NPS operates 385 park units in fulfilling its mission of protecting resources while providing for enjoyable and safe visitor experiences. The primary source of funding for accomplishing this mission is the park-operating base. This base funding is under the direct control of the park superintendent who operates the park within the broad policy guidance of the NPS Director and in conformance with the authorizing legislation which established the park unit. The park-operating base allows the core mission responsibilities of the parks to be accomplished. From preserving monuments and memorials such as Independence National Historical Park to maintaining the magnificence and peace found at Redwood National Park, the foundation of the National Park System lies with the park itself. Regardless of the activity or location, the National Park System offers something for everyone. The National Park service is dedicated to maintaining the safety and integrity of these locations, and is committed to offering strength and inspiration. Park base funding is the source that most directly impacts the park visitor, the park employee, and the resources entrusted to our care. The highest operational priorities for FY 2003 include obtaining adequate funding for park bases and implementing counter-terrorism measures.

Park Proposals

The budget request for FY 2003, within the Operation of the National Park System appropriation, includes two separate proposals of park base increases totaling \$15.4 million. A summary of the parks represented by both proposals may be found on page ONPS-153.

- Park Base – Operations: an increase of \$9.3 million and 71 FTE
- Park Base – Counter-terrorism: an increase of \$6.1 million and 39 FTE

The specific increases represented in this request for FY 2003 were drawn from the NPS Operations Formulation System (OFS) Database. The system has been redesigned and upgraded to operate interactively on the NPS Intranet for ease of use. A new version was made available to NPS users in December 2001. The use of the system has improved and clarified the process for identifying and evaluating budget requests throughout the federal budget submission process. While most of the increases follow regional priorities, also included in this proposal are park increases that address themes, such as national security, identified as high priorities by NPS and departmental management.

The \$9.3 million requested for specific park base operations was drawn from the priorities identified in OFS. The proposed list of increases generally follows regional priorities established during the course of the budget cycle to address deficiencies in maintenance, interpretive services and other operations. Consideration was given to parks that could demonstrate performance results in accordance with National Park Service GPRA goals.

Park Base Request by Proposal

Increase Proposal	Operations	Counter-terrorism	Totals
Number of Requests	39	6	45
NPS Sites Represented	36	6	42
Total Amount Requested	\$9,331	\$6,098	\$15,429
Average Request	\$240	\$1,016	\$353



Statue of Liberty NM

In response to threats posed by the events of September 11, 2001 and increased terrorist activities, the NPS is proposing a \$6.1 million increase for heightened security at park units that may be at high risk for terrorist activity. These symbols of democracy and freedom include such icons as the Statue of Liberty, Independence Hall, the Arch of Western Expansion in St. Louis, Mount Rushmore, the U.S.S. Arizona Memorial and various sites along the Freedom Trail in Boston, Massachusetts. Funding would be used for increased perimeter security, guard service and patrol, improvements in communications and dispatch, more stringent visitor control and entry procedures, and further site and crowd monitoring. Additional staff, contract guard service and overtime would allow the enhancements to be implemented. While the majority of funding addresses visitor safety issues, a small portion of the increase would accommodate maintenance requirements for new entry facilities. The operational counter-terrorism proposal is supplemented by an increase of \$12.6 million and 48 FTE for additional security at parks to be provided by the United States Park Police. A description of this increase can be found in the United States Park Police appropriation section.

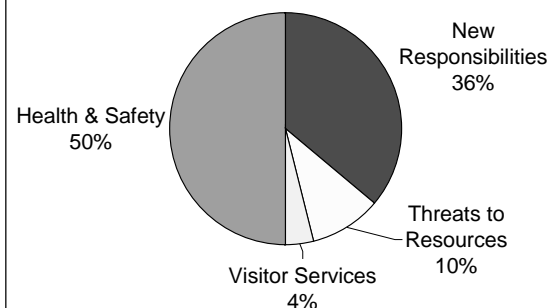
Programmatic Objectives

These two proposals reflect four broad programmatic objectives, as identified in OFS.

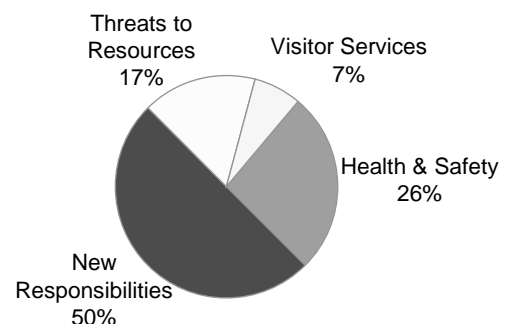
Health and Safety Issues: A total of \$7.7 million in funding would be directed toward parks in need of improving health and safety standards. These improvements account for fifty percent of total park increases, including counter-terrorism initiatives. The NPS is seeking increased operating funds to tie together various efforts to improve public and employee health and safety at the parks, provide preventative maintenance programs to realize the anticipated life of park facilities and assets, and combat the threat of terrorism. A number of park units within the System have identified a need to execute preventive and corrective maintenance on public-use structures and buildings or implement education programs aimed at improving public safety. For example, proposed funding for enhanced maintenance at Fossil Butte National Monument would provide consistent maintenance of water systems, vehicles, facilities, roads, trails, and boundary fences. In addition to improving health and safety standards at parks, NPS is also working to improve physical security issues. Communications centers are being developed and updated in an effort to coordinate critical life and resource protection services. For example, the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island area would establish a 24-hour communication center to improve visitor and employee safety.

New Responsibilities: An amount of \$5.5 million, or 36 percent of the total request for park increases, would be directed toward parks with new responsibilities. Parks acquire new responsibilities in a variety of capacities. The Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site is an example of increased responsibility. The Monroe building, one of the original segregated elementary schools, is being converted into a visitor center that would offer programs and services to increase understanding of the Supreme Court case that ended school segregation. Additionally, a funding request from Denali National Park and Preserve is aimed at obtaining additional funds to support the operation of the Riley Creek powerhouse. This structure is needed to supply power and water to the area,

Reason for All Park Increase Requests



**Reasons for Park Operations Increase Requests
(Does not include Counter-Terrorism requests)**



and NPS must assume full responsibility for its operation. The new responsibilities faced by the parks range from new facility management to new programs. Whether improving educational opportunities or operating new facilities, each of these responsibilities represents an opportunity to better serve the visitors.

Threats to Resources: A total of \$1.6 million or 10 percent of the total amount requested for park increases is to address threats to resources. Many of these threats require professional knowledge beyond what is currently available to the parks. Representative of these needs are funding requests for Ocmulgee NM and Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP. Funding would allow monitoring and maintenance of two outlying areas of Ocmulgee NM, where increased pot hunting and damage is occurring to the sacred Native American sites. At Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP, funding would be used to address increasing threats to the park's natural and cultural resources, including encroachments, disturbances to archeological sites, vandalism, poaching, and dumping. Funding used to address these threats allows the parks to maintain and improve current natural and cultural resources.

Visitor Services: The remaining \$0.6 million, or 4 percent, of the request represents proposals to implement/improve visitor services. This funding is needed due to increases in visitation, improved educational programming, growing workloads, extended shoulder seasons, and special events. Cape Hatteras Group is requesting additional funding at Wright Brother's National Memorial because of a combination of the above reasons. Cape Hatteras would use additional funding to meet the needs of the centennial commemoration of the world's first powered flight. During this special event, the park would begin operation of a new facility, increase programming, and attract over one million visitors, double the park's average visitation. These additions would improve educational programs offered to the public, increase services provided to visiting school groups, and provide additional space to allow for more visitors.

FY 2003 Proposed Park Base Increases

Park Base-Operations			
Andersonville NHS	192	John Day Fossil Beds NM	205
Arches NP	125	Kaloko-Honokohau NHP	325
Aztec Ruins NM	173	Lowell NHP	200
Brown v. Board of Education NHS	300	Manzanar NHS	285
Buffalo NR	475	Martin Van Buren NHS	250
Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP	674	Monocacy NB	213
Canyonlands NP	175	National Capital System Support Office	394
Cape Hatteras Group-Wright Brothers NMem	376	National Parks of New York Harbor	302
Cape Lookout NS	125	Ocmulgee NM	125
Dayton Aviation Heritage NHP	766	Pinnacles NM	82
Denali NP and Pres	845	Pipe Spring NM	200
Everglades NP	273	Puuhonua O Honaunau NHP	240
Flagstaff Area National Monuments	135	Redwood NP	337
Fort Frederica NM	75	Sitka NHP	63
Fossil Butte NM	90	Southern Arizona Group	231
Grand Canyon NP	250	War in the Pacific NHP	58
Hampton NHS	300	Washita Battlefield NHS	255
Hovenweep NM	142	White Sands NM	75
Subtotal, Operations			9,331
Park Base—Counter-Terrorism			
Boston NHP	1,200	Mount Rushmore NMem	370
Independence NHP	2,654	Statue of Liberty NM/Ellis Island	1,357
Jefferson Natl Expansion Mem	433	USS Arizona Memorial	84
Subtotal, Counter-Terrorism			6,098
Total, Park Base			15,429

FY 2003 Park Increase Requests

For FY 2003, the National Park Service is proposing the following specific park operational increases. Unless otherwise noted, all increases are part of the Park Base-Operations proposal. Parks are listed alphabetically by park name.

Andersonville National Historic Site, Georgia

\$192,000 to Maintain National Cemetery and Operate National POW Museum

Funding is requested to maintain and purchase burial vaults for Anderson National Cemetery and to enhance operations at the National Prisoner of War Museum. Andersonville NHS is one of two sites within the NPS that maintains active National Cemeteries and averages 175 burials per year. The park requires vaults for each burial for safety reasons and to maintain the same standards as the national cemeteries maintained by the Veterans' Administration. Currently, family members are responsible for the vault purchase. Funding would allow for the NPS to provide the needed 175 vaults a year for the veterans who served our country. Funding would also be used to meet increased utility costs and to enhance interpretive services at the National Prisoner of War Museum. These improvements would increase visitor safety and satisfaction.

Arches National Park, Utah

\$125,000 to Enhance Park Operations

Funding is requested to improve overall park operations. As visitation has increased, so have reported incidents and accidents. Extensive natural, fossil, and cultural resource damage and loss are occurring in the backcountry. Funding would be used to enhance maintenance, interpretive, and law enforcement operations. Increased patrols, ranger presence, and visitor education would mitigate and deter resource damage, loss and accidents. These changes would improve visitor safety, satisfaction, and understanding, and would lessen the rate of resource degradation.



Delicate Arch at Arches NP

Aztec Ruins National Monument, New Mexico

\$173,000 to Provide Interpretive and Resource Management Services

Funding is requested to provide interpretive and resource management services. The services the park would provide include; orientation and information to 30,000 visitors; interpretive programs to 10,000 visitors; educational programs to 45 school and community groups; and regular protection and interpretive patrols that would contact 15,000 visitors and reduce resource incidents by 70 percent. Funding would also be used to manage 5,000 artifacts stored on site, and preserve and document 600 square feet of prehistoric masonry. Services would improve visitor satisfaction and allow for the protection and preservation of resources.

Boston National Historical Park, Massachusetts (Counter-Terrorism)

\$1,200,000 to Enhance Security and Law Enforcement Program

Funding is requested to provide an expanded law enforcement presence in response to the recent terrorism attacks against the United States. A portion of the park is co-located with the Charleston Navy Base. The ship *USS Constitution*, a national icon of US military achievement, is still commissioned and is berthed at Boston National Historical Park. Due to continued heightened threat condition levels, the US Navy requires the Park to provide an increased level of law enforcement support. Funding would be used to increase patrols and enhance training and equipment. This request would help the NPS to meet its obligations under its interagency agreement with the Navy to provide the sole law enforcement protection at this site, including military and civilian employees.

Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site, Kansas**\$300,000 to Develop Interpretive and Education Programs for New Facility**

Funding is requested to develop programs and services for a new visitor center located in the Monroe school building. The restoration of the building will be completed in 2003. Funding would provide for the research and development of programs for the new facility. Funding would also be used to develop and implement a preventive maintenance program for the school building and grounds. Park programs and services would provide an increased understanding of the case that ended school segregation.



*Monroe School building at
Brown v. Board of Education NHS*

Buffalo National River, Arkansas**\$475,000 to Provide Visitor Services and Facilities During Shoulder Seasons**

Funding is requested to keep campground and river facilities open during the shoulder periods in the spring and fall. Recreational activities such as hiking, horseback riding, floating and camping have increased during the shoulder seasons. This increase has created a growing demand for visitor services and maintenance. Funding would be used to provide interpretive programs throughout the extended visitor season and for the expansion of the educational outreach program. Additional ranger patrols would detect and reduce incidents of resource damage and visitor conflicts. Maintenance services, such as mowing, trash pickup, and restroom cleaning, would also be extended to meet visitor needs. These actions would result in a safer and more satisfactory visitor experience for park visitors.

Canyonlands National Park, Utah**\$175,000 to Establish Colorado River Coordinator Office**

Funding is requested to coordinate NPS activities related to the Colorado River. A coordinator is needed to develop consistent, defensible positions on issues related to the management of the Colorado River, and to insure the protection of the natural, cultural and recreational resources in the Colorado River Basin. This new position would give the NPS the capacity to work more closely with relevant State and Federal agencies and other interested groups to protect the resources of parks in the Colorado River Basin.

Cape Hatteras Group—Wright Brothers National Memorial, North Carolina**\$376,000 to Enhance Park Operations**

Funding is requested to enhance park operations for the centennial commemoration of the world's first powered flight. National and regional events at the park during 2003 will attract over one million visitors and double the park's average visitation. Heightened interest and the opening of a new museum addition will increase annual visitation beyond 2003. Funding would be used to enhance overall park operations, including visitor services, maintenance and law enforcement. Funding would also be used to operate and maintain the new facility and to expand educational and interpretive services. This request would increase visitor satisfaction and safety during the celebration of this moment in history.

Cape Lookout National Seashore, North Carolina**\$125,000 to Maintain Historic Structures**

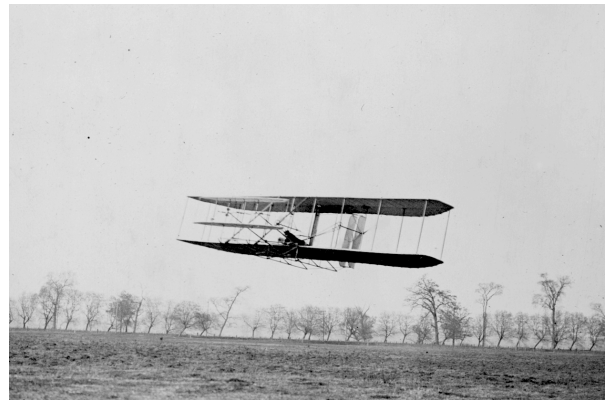
Funding is requested to establish an historic preservation maintenance program. Forty-four of the sixty historic structures in the Portsmouth Village Historic District of the park are in fair to poor condition. A new Cape Lookout Village Historic District, nominated by the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Board, will add approximately 17 additional structures (most of which are in poor condition) to the park's List of Classified Structures and to the National Register. Funding would be used to ensure proactive, adequate protection of the historic resources in both districts. These protection efforts would include repairing roofs, windows, and sidings. Proper maintenance of these historic structures would ensure their existence for future visitors.

Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park; District of Columbia, Maryland and West Virginia**\$674,000 to Protect Park Resources and Visitors**

Funding is requested to expand the park's visitor and resource protection program. Urbanization of surrounding areas has created an urgent need for additional law enforcement capability to combat increasing threats to the park's 1,275 historic structures, 220 archeological sites, and unique natural and cultural resources. Incidents detected annually include encroachments, disturbances to archeological sites, vandalism, poaching, and dumping. Funding would be used to increase patrol frequency of park areas, including river patrols. Increased patrols would improve visitor safety and resource protection.

Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, Ohio**\$275,000 to Expand Base Operations at Developing Park to Support Flight Centennial**

Funding is requested for base operations in anticipation of the upcoming international Centennial of Flight Celebration. The park is undergoing rapid change through comprehensive planning and development activities involving four legislatively mandated partners, a Federal commission, other government agencies, and 40 partner organizations. Funding would be used to coordinate these activities, support partnerships, and initiate of basic interpretive programming. Funding would also be used to develop and maintain park wayside exhibits and to initiate educational outreach programming. Development of interpretive services and coordination with partners would provide visitors a better understanding and appreciation the story of aviation in the Ohio Miami Valley.



One of the Wright Brothers performing a test flight at Huffman Prairie Flying Field on November 16, 1904.

\$491,000 to Operate and Maintain New Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center

Funding is requested to operate and maintain Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center. This new facility, featuring 9,000 square feet of exhibits and a theater, is located within the urban environment of Dayton and is scheduled for completion by October 2002. This center will be the primary point-of-entry for visitors to the park. Funding would be used to provide for visitor and interpretive services, educational programming, and general operations and maintenance. This request would increase visitor satisfaction and understanding for the achievements of Wilbur Wright, Orville Wright, and Paul Laurence Dunbar.

Denali National Park & Preserve, Alaska**\$424,000 to Manage New Facilities**

Funding is requested to provide for the operation of the Riley Creek powerhouse and utility infrastructure. When the park hotel closes in 2002, the park will assume operational responsibility of the Riley Creek powerhouse (currently NPS-owned) and associated utility infrastructure. The powerhouse provides all the electrical distribution service for the Riley Creek area of the park, including the park visitor center and park auditorium. It also provides the heated water needed to operate the new water distribution system in the Riley Creek area, and is the source for shoulder season water service to the park's visitor center, and all the domestic hot water for facilities west of the railroad tracks. Associated underground piping infrastructure is up to 60 years old in places and requires continuous maintenance due the severe arctic freezing and thawing conditions. Funding would be used to ensure that the new water distribution system remains operational, shoulder season water service is available, and electrical service remains uninterrupted.

\$421,000 to Address Growing South Side Operations

Funding is requested to operate and maintain visitor facilities scheduled for completion in 2002-2003. Funding is needed to maintain and operate the 35,000 square foot facility, pay for utilities at the site, and maintain roads and grounds. The park would operate a new discovery/science center that would provide research, scientific, and educational programs. Additional developments, including new rest stops, trails, overlooks, and interpretive signs, would require maintenance to ensure visitor safety and provide for visitor education. Funding would also be used to provide interpretation and environmental education at the facility, through outreach programs to schools and an interactive website. These programs would increase visitor satisfaction and improve educational programs.

*Denali National Park***Everglades National Park, Florida****\$273,000 to Improve Operation of Water and Sewer Systems**

Funding is requested to improve the operation of the park's four major potable water systems and wastewater treatment systems. Improvements would insure compliance with Environmental Protection Agency and State of Florida regulations. Upgraded facilities, revised environmental standards, revised health and safety regulations, as well as changes in the regulatory classifications of the park's facilities have all resulted in a requirement for increased water quality testing. This proposal would provide the required licensed operator coverage at the Flamingo water treatment site seven days a week and fund the additional site visits and testing at all sites as required by law. This would ensure visitor safety and would help preserve natural resources.

Flagstaff Area National Monuments, Arizona**\$135,000 to Enhance Management of Three National Monuments**

Funding is requested to improve management and coordination for Sunset Crater, Walnut Canyon, and Wupatki National Monuments. The distance between the three sites and headquarters has overburdened existing operations. Funding would be used to enhance park management capabilities to coordinate and integrate operations at the three monuments. Funding would also be used to enhance community and interagency relations. This coordination of headquarters would improve overall effectiveness of operations for the Flagstaff Area National Monument, increasing visitor satisfaction and safety.

Fort Frederica National Monument, Georgia**\$75,000 to Establish Resource Management Program**

Funding is requested to establish a resource management program. Park resources are threatened by pine beetle infestations, acid rain, exotic plant introduction and mosquito control issues. Funding would establish an archeological site-monitoring program and a proactive protection program. Threats to cultural resources would be identified and appropriate mitigative actions initiated to protect the diverse cultural resources of the park. These resources include two historic structures, twenty-nine excavated and exposed archeological house sites, 84 unexcavated house sites, 1-1½ miles of earthworks, and an on-site museum collection of 5,000 items. A new resource management program would improve management of museum collections, support a long-term archeology field school, provide annual maintenance of all historic structures and exposed foundations, perform preservation treatment of 200 artifacts per year, and allow effective coordination of natural resource issues.

Fossil Butte National Monument, Wyoming**\$90,000 to Enhance Maintenance Program**

Funding is requested to enhance park maintenance. Construction of new facilities over the past ten years has caused maintenance to become reactive rather than proactive. Funding would provide consistent maintenance of water systems, vehicles, facilities, roads, trails, and boundary fences. Funding would provide additional maintenance capabilities to mitigate visitor use impact to facilities and resources and ensure visitor satisfaction.

Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona**\$250,000 to Expand Resource and Visitor Protection**

Funding is requested to implement the recommendations of the 2001 law enforcement program review. These recommendations included expansion and reorganization of the visitor and resource protection division to improve overall effectiveness. Ranger staff has not been increased while the scope and complexity of the program has increased. Rangers are required fulfill expanding Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and law enforcement needs at the expense of resource protection. This funding would restore resource management capabilities and increase services to park visitors. The results would be the mitigation of visitor caused resource impacts, reduction of resource violations, and increased visitor education. Visitors would have a safer and more enjoyable experience.



Grand Canyon National Park

Hampton National Historic Site, Maryland**\$300,000 to Increase Resource Protection and Visitor Services Programs**

Funding is requested to protect and maintain 45 historic structures; historic gardens, 62 acres of designed cultural landscape, and museum objects valued at over \$15 million. A number of classified structures are unsafe due to rotting floors, inadequate support, and infestations caused by animals and mold. Funding would provide the ability to inventory and monitor the resources, and to repair and maintain roads and trails. In addition, funding would allow the park to increase its support of partnership activities, special park uses and events. These improvements would allow the park to reach a more diverse audience, and increase visitor satisfaction.

Hovenweep National Monument; Colorado and Utah**\$142,000 to Operate New Facilities**

Funding is requested to operate the new visitor center, including new water and sewage facilities, and to address health and safety issues at the park. A new park visitor center, completed in 2001, has significantly increased the park's visitor services and maintenance workload. Funding would be used to provide building and custodial maintenance and to monitor water treatment facilities. Funding would also be used to expand visitor center hours throughout the year, increasing visitor access to ruins and canyon trails. The increased services would help protect park resources and enhance visitor safety.

Independence National Historical Park, Pennsylvania (Counter-Terrorism)**\$2,654,000 to Enhance Security for Counter-Terrorism**

Funding is requested to enhance security at Independence National Historical Park. Two of the nation's greatest icons, Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell, are situated in a densely populated urban environment and less than 100 feet from city streets. National Park Service provides law enforcement protection for all of the several sites that comprise Independence National Historical Park. Nearby, Blocks 2 and 3 of Independence Mall are being developed and this will increase the numbers of structures and visitors in the vicinity. Funding would be used to contract screening/magnetometer operations and to further increase law enforcement presence on the revitalized Independence Mall. This request would increase visitor safety and protection of national treasures.

Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, Missouri (Counter-Terrorism)**\$433,000 to Provide Law Enforcement and Security**

Funding is requested to establish and implement enhanced security measures to protect park resources (Gateway Arch and Old Courthouse) and park visitors from the increasing threat of domestic and international terrorist attack. The stainless steel 630' high Gateway Arch is an international symbol and is considered by the FBI to be an attractive target in the Midwest portion of the United States. This funding would increase physical presence of commissioned law enforcement staff to better provide protection in the event of terrorist threat or attack. Additional personnel would control access by utilizing fingerprint and photo identification system. All packages delivered to the Arch would be x-rayed upon arrival. Under this enhanced security, all visitors to the Arch complex would be screened through security checkpoints, rather than just those visitors going to the top of the Arch.



*Gateway Arch and the Old Courthouse
at Jefferson National Expansion Memorial*

John Day Fossil Beds National Monument, Oregon**\$205,000 to Support New Paleontological Center**

Funding is requested to provide visitor support and contracted maintenance for a new 11,000 square foot paleontology/visitor center. The Thomas Condon Paleontology Center will serve the public through interpretive displays, active visitor interpretation, interpretive media, and educational activities. The new facility will more than double the current capacity for local and urban education programs, and improve the monument's ability to display reconstructed animals and plants dating back fifty million years. It will also feature a working paleontological laboratory where visitors can watch fossils being prepared and scientists working with specimens and provide a mechanism for disseminating scientific information on to the public. This request would increase visitor understanding and satisfaction.

Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park, Hawaii**\$325,000 to Provide Emergency Radio Dispatching for Pacific Area Parks**

Funding is requested to provide 24-hour emergency radio dispatch services to seven Pacific Area Parks located in the Hawaiian Islands. These parks serve over 6.5 million visitors a year. They are responsible for providing emergency services to parks with total acreage of over 250 million. Funding would be used to create a system for monitoring radio traffic and establishing a single point of contact for emergencies being reported by radio or telephone. Better coordination and improved emergency response would allow the region to create a safer environment for park visitors.

Lowell National Historical Park, Massachusetts**\$200,000 to Improve Outreach and Partnerships Programs in Northeast Region Parks**

Funding is requested to improve educational outreach provided by the Lowell National Historical Cooperative Park Education Unit. A recent survey reveals uneven quality in park education programs, weak connections with school curricula and diverse student groups, lack of communication with schools, and a critical need for employee training in developing education plans and partnerships. Funding would be used to plan and deliver new model programs, provide on-site education evaluations, offer leadership training in delivery systems, assist in preparing grant proposals, and market education programs to new audiences. The Northeast Region has an opportunity to reach 24 percent of the Nation's youth through increased programming. Increasing outreach efforts would assist in promoting our national parks and resources to the student population.



Manzanar Relocation Center - July, 1942

Manzanar National Historic Site, California**\$285,000 to Operate and Maintain New Visitor Facility**

Funding is requested for the operation and maintenance of the new interpretive center, expected to open to the public in FY 2003. Funding would be used to provide year round interpretation and education programs. It would also provide for maintenance support and utility costs for the new center and increased visitation. This request would increase visitor understanding and appreciation of this important aspect of American history.

Martin Van Buren National Historic Site, New York**\$250,000 to Protect President's Home, Collections and Landscapes**

Funding is requested to support increased workload resulting from a 126 acre or 620 percent expansion of managed lands. The new lands require the development and management of entirely new operational programs. The park is transitioning from operating only a historic house museum to also managing recreational facilities, wildlife, wetlands, and agricultural leases. Funds would provide routine maintenance of the President Van Buren's home, grounds, and farm. Funding would be used to augment interpretive and educational programs to incorporate the new resources, as well as, fulfill the needs of increased visitation. This request would increase visitor understanding of the life and times of President Van Buren, while protecting natural and cultural resources.

Monocacy National Battlefield, Maryland**\$121,000 to Provide Cultural Resource Management for New Area**

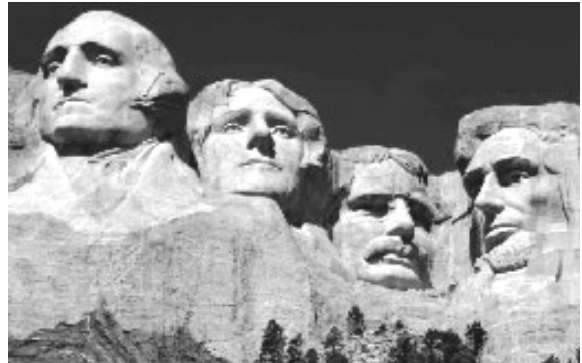
Funding is requested to establish a cultural resource management program. Since its opening in 1991, the park has doubled in size. The creation of a cultural resource management program would ensure the continued preservation of the battlefield. Preservation would be accomplished by completing and updating cultural resource inventories, monitoring resource conditions, stabilizing and repairing historic structures, and improving the management of a growing museum collection. The cultural management program would preserve and protect thirty historic structures and numerous archeological sites.

\$92,000 to Enhance Natural Resources Management

Funding is requested to enhance natural resource management. Funding would enable the park to manage an extensive number of exotic and invasive species, monitor known endangered plants, and complete its inventory of plants and animals. The battlefield would establish effective management strategies for invasive plants, white-tailed deer, the reduction of resource degradation, and monitoring of water quality. An enhanced program would also enable the park to increase watershed protection activities and riparian buffer zone management in support of Chesapeake Bay preservation initiatives. All identified natural resource data sets would be acquired and exotic vegetation controlled more effectively.

Mount Rushmore National Memorial, South Dakota (Counter-Terrorism)**\$370,000 to Provide Law Enforcement and Security**

Funding is requested to improve anti-terrorism and security programs. Mount Rushmore, a recognized symbol of the United States, features colossal sculptures of four American Presidents. There is a documented history of incidents and threats, which continue to the present time. Funding would be used to increase law enforcement presence and capabilities. Funding would also provide expanded coverage at the communications center for officer support and contracts to maintain various physical security systems.



Mount Rushmore National Memorial

National Capital System Support Office; District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia**\$394,000 to Provide for Increased Utility Costs**

Funding is requested to cover increased utility costs for National Capital Parks. The District of Columbia Government provides water and sewer service for NCP-East, NCP-Central, Rock Creek Parkway and portions of George Washington Memorial Parkway. The costs and usage of these services have increased significantly due to inflation, additional facilities and increased visitation. Funding would provide for increased utility costs for all DC parks.

National Parks of New York Harbor; New York and New Jersey**\$302,000 to Establish Operations for a New Office**

Funding is requested to continue establishment of the National Parks of New York Harbor office. This office has been established to take advantage of the opportunities that exist in the New York metropolitan area to enhance and improve the overall operations of Gateway, Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island, Manhattan Sites, and Lower East Side Tenement. Funding would be used to coordinate strategic planning, partnership and education programs, and communication activities for these sites, and to undertake and be responsible for planning and development of new areas such as Governors Island National Monument and the African Burial Ground National Historic Landmark. This office represents the interests of the National Park Service to the New York/New Jersey community at large and with organizations that have common interests and agendas of the National Park Service. It coordinates National Park Service activities with those of federal, state, local, and private groups and organizations to improve and raise the profile of and support for National Park Service operations in the metropolitan area.

Ocmulgee National Monument, Georgia**\$125,000 to Preserve Sacred Native American Sites**

Funding is requested to improve the maintenance and resource management operations of two outlying units of the park: Lamar Mounds and Drake's Field. Natural resources of both areas are threatened due to overgrown vegetation and feral hog populations. In addition, infrequent patrolling of the areas has resulted in increased pot hunting and damage to the cultural resources. Funds would be used to double the maintenance of Lamar Mounds and Drake's Field allowing for the removal of the woody vegetation and increased monitoring of cultural resources. Improving conditions of these sacred lands would improve visitor appreciation and understanding of the history of the Native Peoples.

Pinnacles National Monument, California**\$82,000 to Support Lease of NPS and BLM Collocated Office Facility**

Funding is requested to cover the annual rental costs of 4,000 square feet of an 11,700 square feet office building in Hollister, California. This office would serve the administrative and management staff of Pinnacles National Monument. The NPS facility, collocated with the Bureau of Land Management district office, would be leased through BLM and is expected to be ready for occupancy in the second half of FY 2003. Collocating with the BLM in Hollister would provide the NPS an improved presence in the community and improve the economies of scale with shared staff and resources. If provided, this funding would be transferred to the GSA space rental component of the External Administrative Costs Activity.

Pipe Spring National Monument, Arizona**\$200,000 to Operation of New Park Service - Kaibab Paiute Tribe Facilities**

Funding is requested for staffing and facility operations for a joint NPS/tribal visitor center. In partnership with the Kaibab Paiute Tribe, the present Pipe Spring visitor center (located on reservation lands) is being modified and enlarged as a joint NPS/tribal visitor center that will be completed in 2002. A joint NPS/tribal curatorial storage building (also on reservation lands) will be constructed in 2002 and 2003. Both projects are unique, cost effective, and visionary intergovernmental partnerships. Funding would be used for staffing visitor services, maintenance and curatorial management, and to cover expanded utility costs for new facilities. This request would increase visitor satisfaction and increase visitor understanding of multi-cultural park themes.

Puuhonua O Honaunau National Historical Park, Hawaii**\$240,000 to Protect Park Resources**

Funding is requested to provide resource protection and management and to ensure visitor and employee safety. The park has been identified by some "new-age" groups as the world's most healing spot. Part of the newly designated Ala Kahakai National Trail goes through the park and its status has increased on and off-trail use. As a result of increased visitation and extended park hours without expansion of law enforcement activities, cultural sites have been damaged, vandalized, and excavated, caves broken into, human remains disturbed and burial sites desecrated. This request would provide for increased patrols to ensure basic resource, visitor, and employee protection.

Redwood National Park, California**\$337,000 to Support Resource Science Office Facility**

Funding is requested for annual rental costs of a 26,500 square foot facility on private land in Orick, CA. This building would serve the Resource Management and Science division and other field staff at Redwood National Park. The new facility would be leased through GSA and would achieve significant operational efficiencies by consolidating staff from three sites into one facility. The consolidation of offices would also result in the removal of six deteriorated office trailers located on park lands. The new facility would provide adequate storage and protection for the park's extensive museum collections, while making them available for research and interpretive program development. The new facility would also house a maintenance shop, warehouse area, conference room, and laboratory facilities. If provided, this funding would be transferred to the GSA space rental component of the External Administrative Costs Activity.



Redwood National Park

Sitka National Historical Park, Alaska**\$63,000 to Enhance Educational Outreach, Resource Protection and Interpretation Programs**

Funding is requested for enhance interpretive services. Educational outreach may be the most effective method of promoting the NPS mission to nontraditional audiences. Funding would provide interpretive and educational programs during the expanded cruise ship season and would be used to develop an outreach program for southeast Alaska communities and schools.

Southern Arizona Group, Arizona**\$231,000 to Provide Law Enforcement and Emergency Services Dispatch at 5 Border Parks**

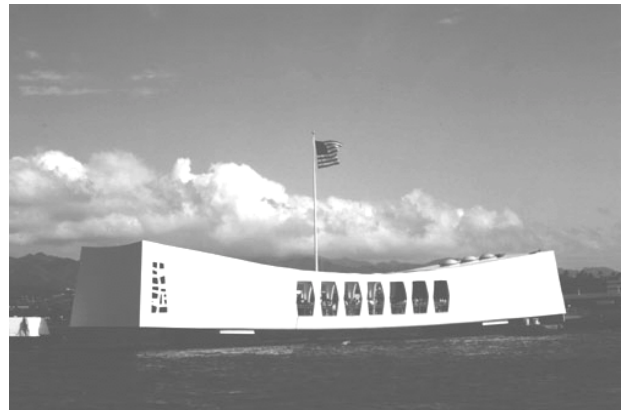
Funding is requested for law enforcement and emergency services dispatch for Organ Pipe Cactus NM, Saguaro NP, Coronado NMem, Chiricahua NM, and Tumacacori NHP. The NPS and Bureau of Land Management have developed an interagency agreement to provide dispatch services for law enforcement, search and rescue, emergency medical responses, and structural/wildland fire for five parks in southern Arizona. This coordination is necessary to provide increased patrol and response capability when ports of entry become 24-hour ports by 2003. Funding would enhance and expand dispatch services. Providing rapid response to increasing criminal and emergency incidents would result in improved visitor and employee safety and enhanced resource protection.

Statue of Liberty National Monument and Ellis Island; New Jersey and New York (Counter-Terrorism)**\$1,357,000 to Increase Security and Operate Communications Center**

Funding is requested to improve physical security and radio communications for Liberty and Ellis Islands. The Statue of Liberty is a highly visible landmark in metropolitan New York City. Its significance is worldwide and it attracts millions of international and domestic visitors, making it vulnerable to attack by virtually any group or individual wishing to damage America's image. Law enforcement at the Statue of Liberty is provided by the U.S. Park Police. This funding would be used to fulfill a need, which was identified as part of an independent vulnerability assessment, to provide increased NPS presence on the island, not outfitted as law enforcement, but trained in emergency and other visitor services, in observing and working with people. Prior to September 11, 2001, visitors were screened when they reached Liberty Island. Funding would be used to operate off-site screening facilities in New York and New Jersey and to enhance security at Ellis Island. Funding would also be used to operate the communications center. This park communications center coordinates critical life and resource protection information for Liberty and Ellis Islands with area emergency response agencies. Additional security for these sites is proposed in an increase for the United State Park Police.

USS Arizona Memorial, Hawaii (Counter-Terrorism)**\$84,000 to Contract Professional Security Services**

Funding is requested to establish additional security checkpoints. The Memorial straddles the sunken hull of the battleship *USS Arizona* and commemorates the December 7, 1941 Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. The Memorial symbolizes the initial defeat and ultimate victory of the United States in World War II, as well as being a shrine to the servicemen killed during the attack. Prior to September 11, the park did not provide any law enforcement or security to the Memorial since it is within a military installation. Since September 11, enhanced security requirements have been dictated by the U.S. Navy Antiterrorism Force Protection Plan. These requirements include prohibiting visitors from carrying items offering concealment onto park grounds, tour boats, and the Memorial. Funding would be used to contract professional security personnel to implement and enforce enhanced security measures.



U.S.S. Arizona Memorial

War in the Pacific National Historical Park, Guam**\$58,000 to Enhance Grounds Maintenance for War Memorials**

Funding is requested to enhance grounds maintenance. Several new memorials have been added as a part of the 50th anniversary of the battles on Guam. These memorials include extensive formal landscaping. Due to a tropical environment, vegetation grows rapidly and requires frequent trimming to retain a formal appearance. Funding would be used to provide the necessary landscaping care that these memorials warrant and deserve.

Washita Battlefield National Historic Site, Oklahoma**\$255,000 to Protect and Interpret Resources at New Park**

Funding is requested to enhance interpretive services and management of natural and cultural resources. The park is a new site that is experiencing initial facility development and increasing visitation. Funding would be used to expand interpretive services throughout the year, including the development of educational programs. Funding would also be used to develop and implement a trail and wayside exhibit plan, providing visitors with an accessible trail and interpretation of the site. An enhanced natural and cultural resource management program would allow the park to reestablish a native prairie environment, using current research to replace exotic species with native grasses. Partnership funding would also be used to enhance Southern Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribe involvement in park issues. The resulting enhancement of interpretive services would increase visitor understanding of Oklahoma and American history.

White Sands National Monument, New Mexico**\$75,000 to Enhance Security and Law Enforcement**

Funding is requested to enhance law enforcement. The US Military shares sixty-eight miles of White Sands NM boundary. Holloman Air Force Base is home to the F-117A Stealth Jet Fighter Wing and the White Sands Missile Range (Army) has a number of top secret, high security installations. Both installations are considered to be at high-risk for terrorist activity. The monument is closed more than 70 times per year to ensure security for missile and other weapons testing. Besides coordinating security with the military installations, rangers assist US Border Patrol agents with illegal alien traffic traversing the monument. Funding would be used to provide a more visible presence in remote areas to counter potential security and resource threats and to enhance visitor safety.



Dunes at White Sands National Monument

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